RED Theatre

CHAPTER 2

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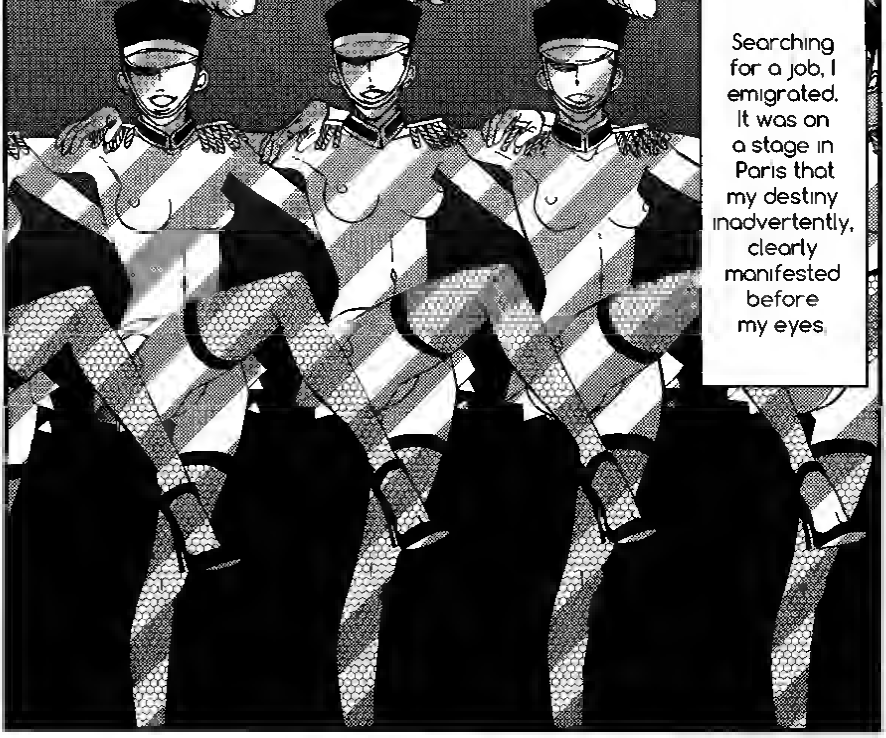
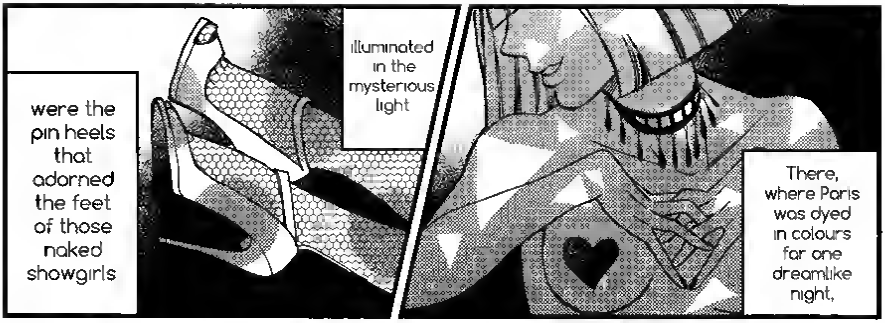
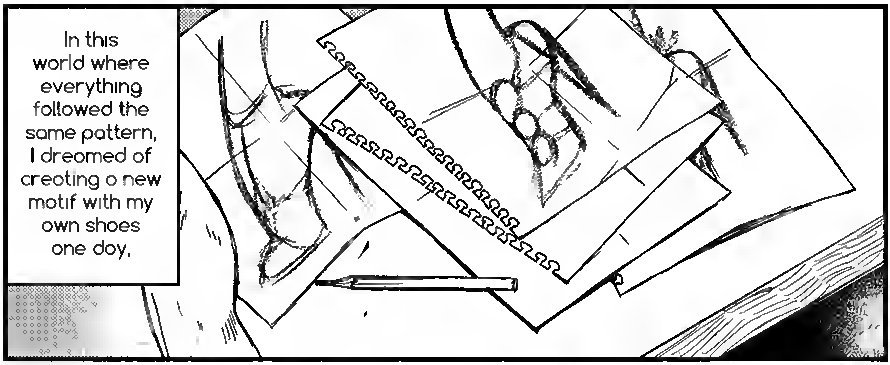
Note from me, TM: From this chapter onward, I have decided to omit full stops from all speech dialogues to adapt to the original Japanese style and to reduce the redundancy: you naturally know where the pauses in speech are if the lines are separated in different bubbles.


Searching for a job, I emigrated. It was on a stage in Paris that my destiny inadvertently, clearly manifested before my eyes.

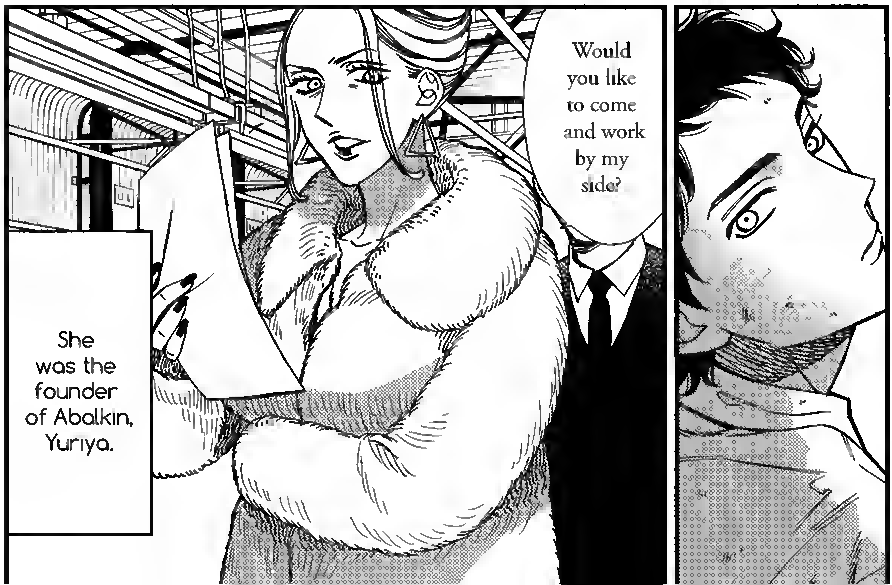

were the pin heels that adorned the feet of those naked showgirls
illuminated in the mysterious light
There, where Paris was dyed in colours for one dreamlike night,

Hey Newbie! What're you peeking at!

I quit my job as a cleaner, and through my connections I started working at Abalkin's shoe factory in the suburb of Paris


In this world where everything followed the same pattern, I dreamed of creating a new motif with my own shoes one day.

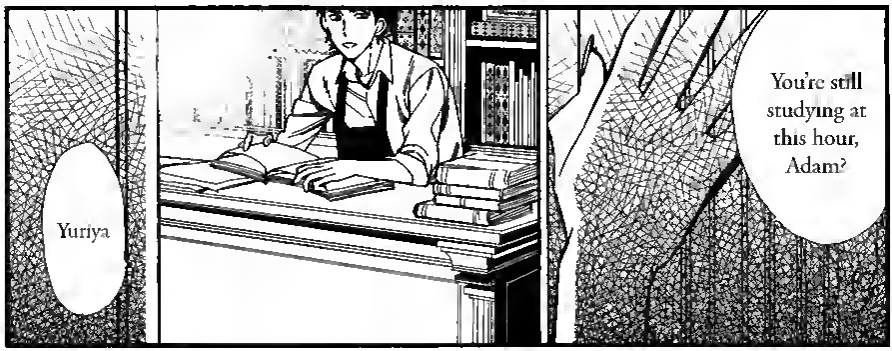
Did you draw these?
and it was there where I was given the chance

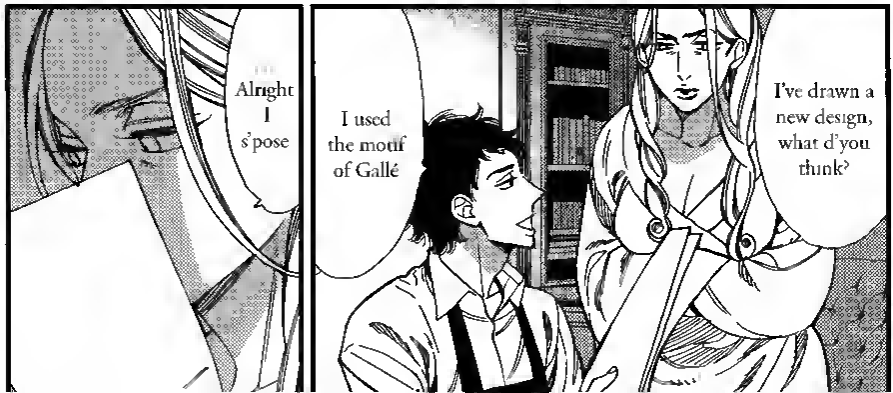

She was the founder of Abalkin, Yuriya.
Would you like to come and work by my side?

Yuriy,
This is Adam Kuto, he is going to work as my personal aide from now on
Smile
Swish
Every night, fashionistas, hout monde, artists, and so forth gathered at her residence on rue Saint-Honoré
Now Adam, come and help me change
He's always like that, just leave him be

and above all, the knowledge and the tools for making shoes, this house has it all
Basic necessities
top-of-the-line materials, first-rate professionals
I borrowed a corner of her study and started working on my own high heels

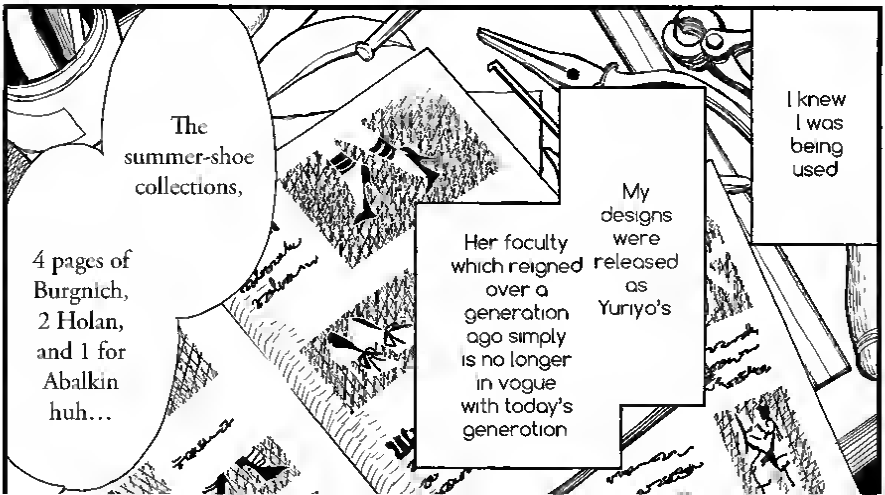
Yeah
That matter will be taken care of, right?
See you then


Yuriya
You're still studying at this hour, Adam?

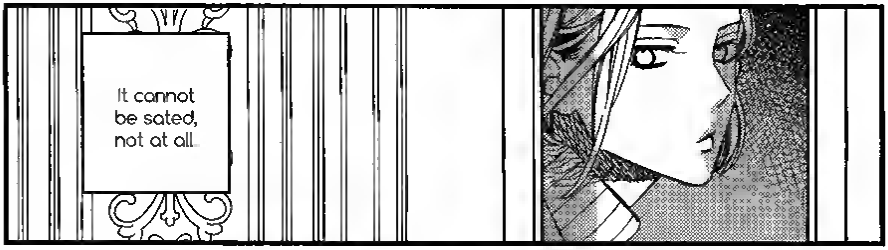

Alright I s'pose
I used the motif of Gallé
I've drawn a new design, what d'you think?

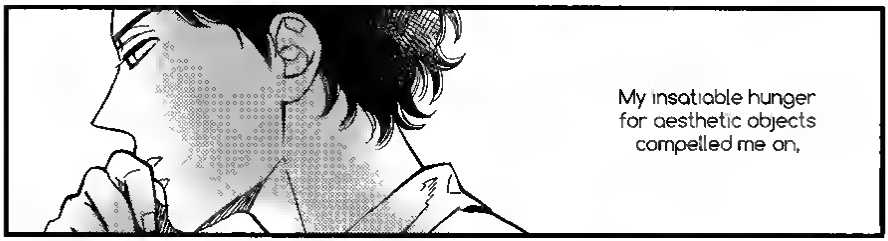
Adam

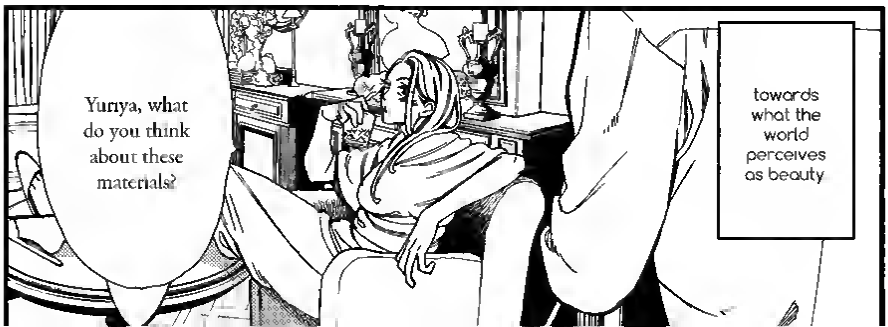
You know I'm doing this for your sake


The summer-shoe collections,
4 pages of Burgnich, 2 Holan, and 1 for Abalkin huh…
Her faculty which reigned over a generation ago simply is no longer in vogue with today's generation
My designs were released as Yuriyo's
I knew I was being used

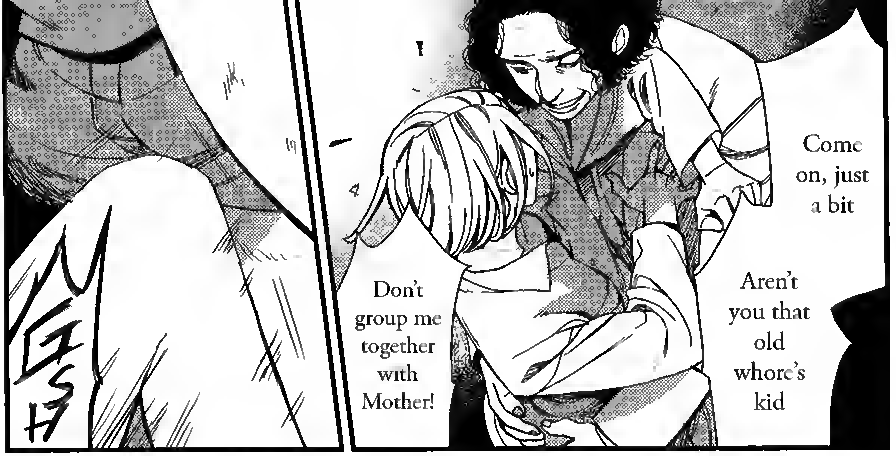
This is barely anything ...
Even though I was so positive that they'd be taken well
I guess novelty alone is not enough, they have to be elegant too


It cannot be sated, not at all.

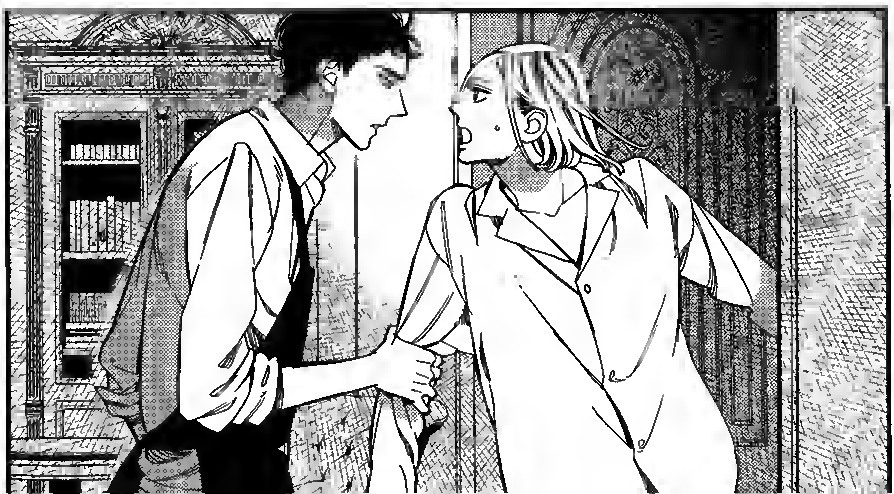

My insatiable hunger for aesthetic objects compelled me on,


Yuriya, what do you think about these materials?
towards what the world perceives as beauty.

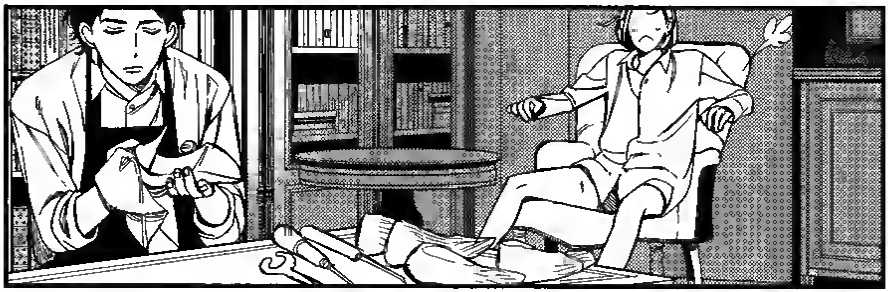
Stop!
she is worthless
My muse ought to be sagacious and innovative, while possessing a refined mien..
Adam, are you playing at a debut designer?
Aha haha
Should I emphasise femininity with velvet or draw out power from leather ›
Customers don't think about those things
Just pick the one that fetches a higher price
A single thought took root and grew deeper and deeper


Don't group me together with Mother!
Come on, just a bit
Aren't you that old whore's kid

UUGH
HOLD IT, YOU RUNT



I see
Then you can leave and do as you please
The young lover huh
Even if you didn't give me a hand, I'd have gotten rid of him on my own

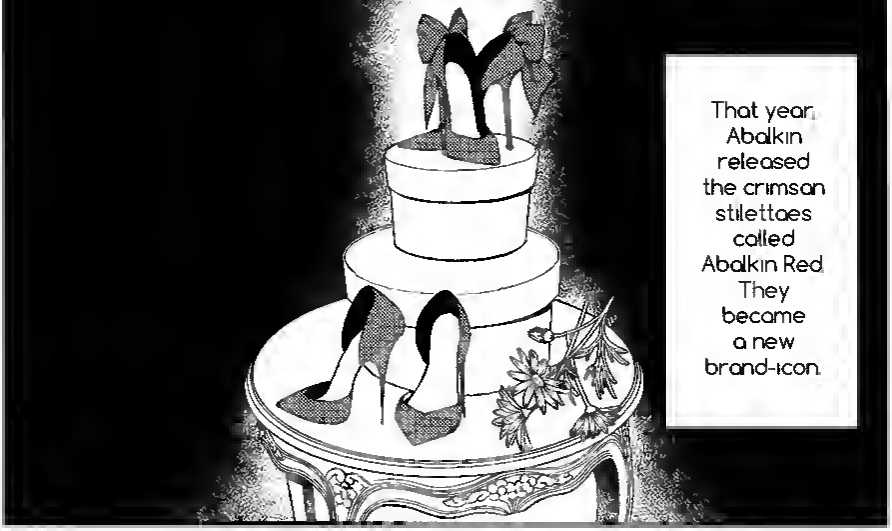


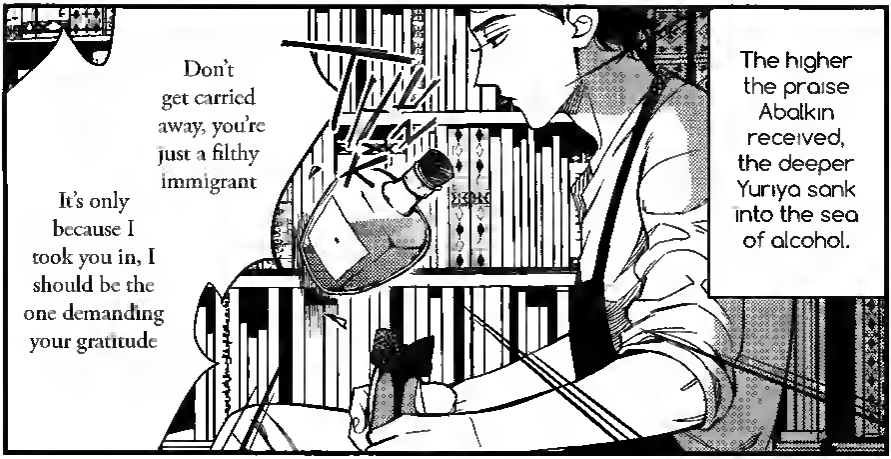
I do
That's why I stay in here
You have no idea
how dirty they really are
Cooped up in here all the time
you wanna make shoes that bad?

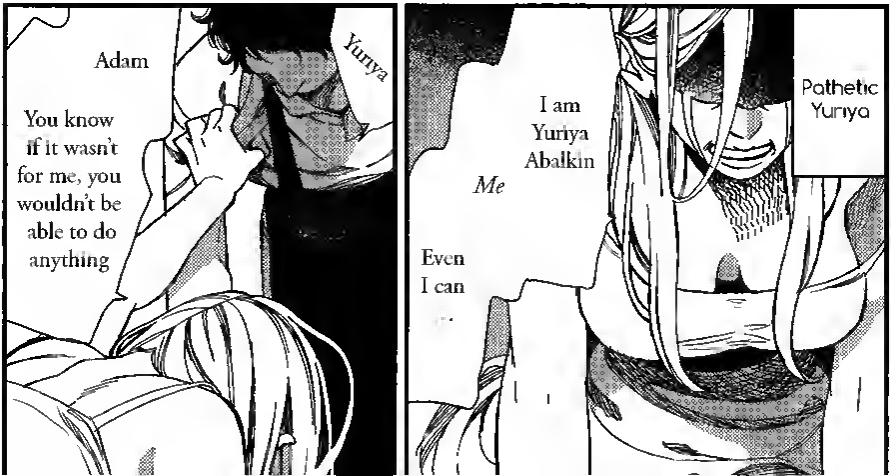
Soon I'll leave this house
and become an architect
...Is that so

Blood
You're bleeding
Such beautiful legs
I see, I can understand why men want to touch them
Aah
From when I struggled
...even you?

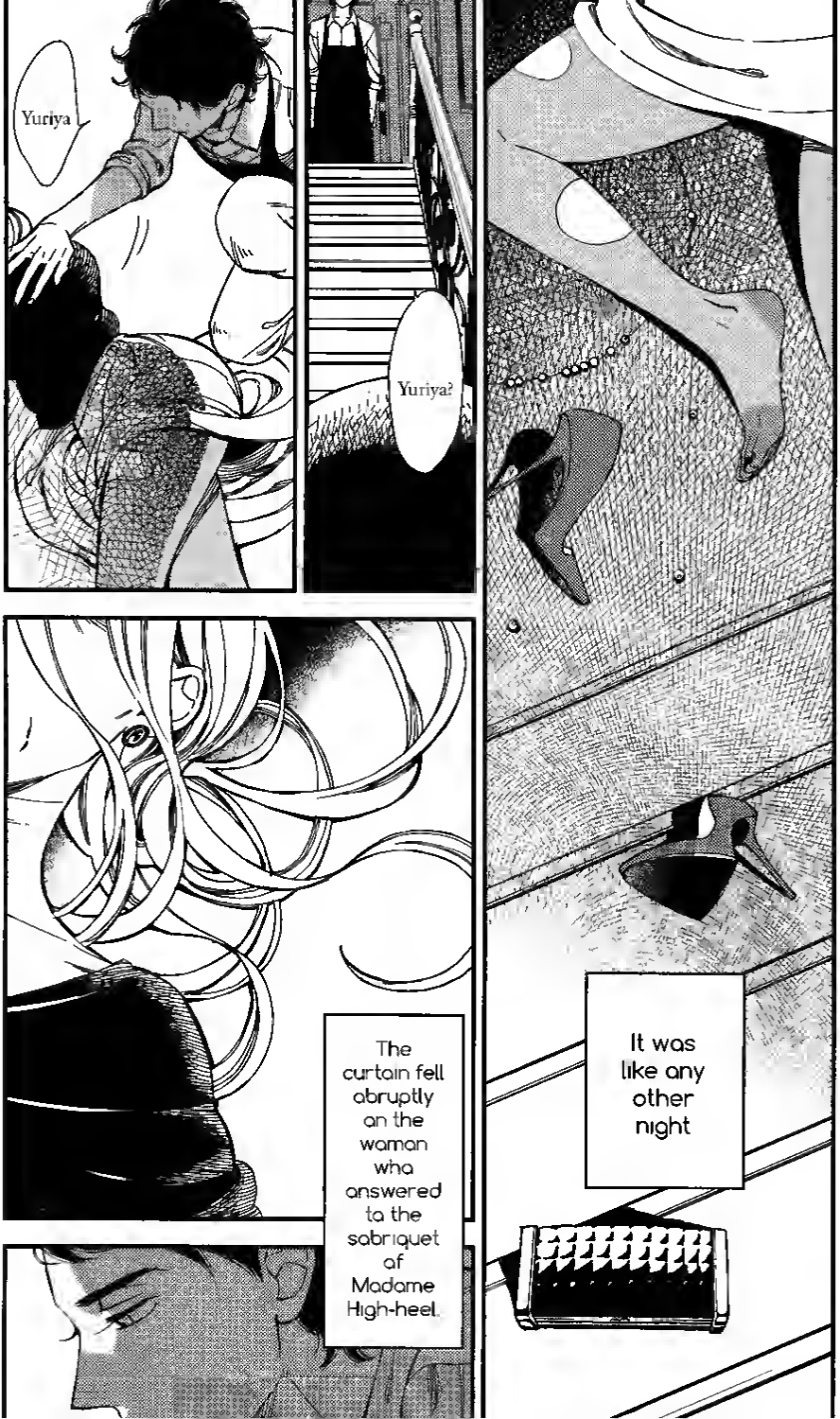
Adam
Adam, I'm back!
FLUSH


That year, Abalkin released the crimson stilettoes called Abalkin Red. They became a new brand-icon.


Don't get carried away, you're just a filthy immigrant
It's only because I took you in, I should be the one demanding your gratitude
The higher the praise Abalkin received, the deeper Yuriya sank into the sea of alcohol.


Adam
Yuriya
You know if it wasn't for me, you wouldn't be able to do anything
I am Yuriya Abalkin
Me
Even I can
Pathetic Yuriya

I'll crush you with all my power
I'm just saying, go on, try and leave me
I won't
Almost five years had gone by

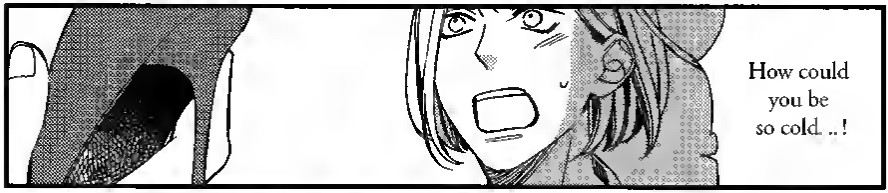

Yuriya
Yuriya?
It was like any other night
The curtain fell abruptly on the woman who answered to the sobriquet of Madame High-heel.

I will have these back
Yuriya

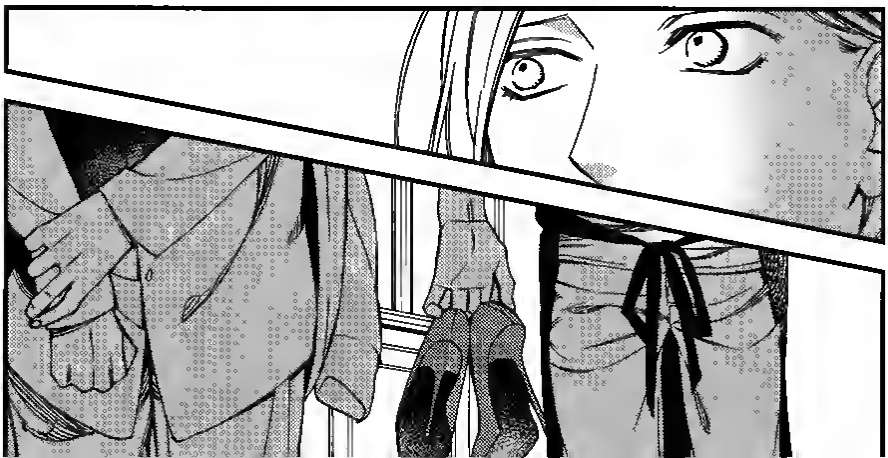
Mother?

It's too late
The body has already turned cold.
Ambulance ...!
It seems that she missed her footing on the stairs
Did something happen to Mother?

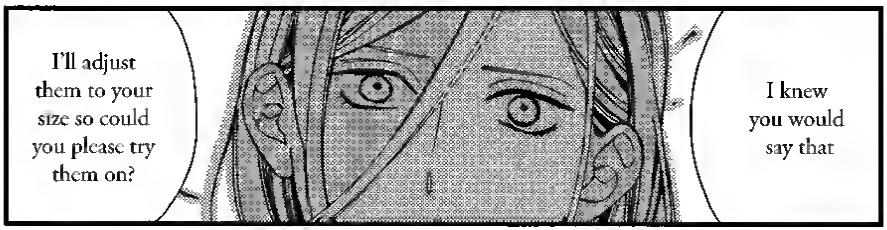
What're you doing?
There is no reason for me to remain here any longer, so I'm leaving
Could I take some of Ioulia's book collections?


How could you be so cold...!

Because there is no longer anyone here who would wear my shoes for me



NO!
I won't hand over these shoes
I will wear them
So
so
...
I will become Mother's replacement

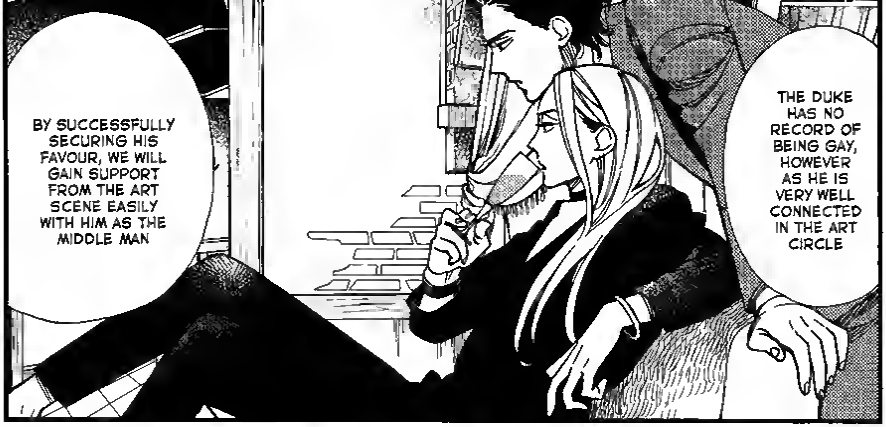

I'll adjust them to your size so could you please try them on?
I knew you would say that

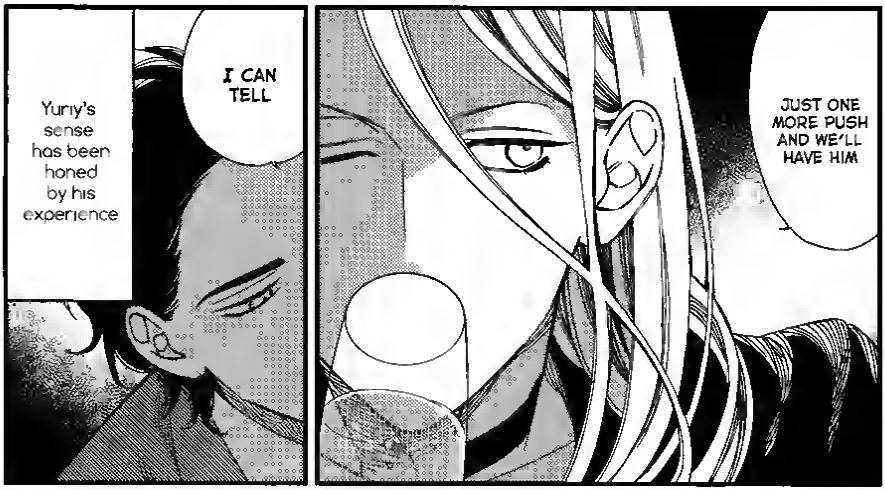
GULP

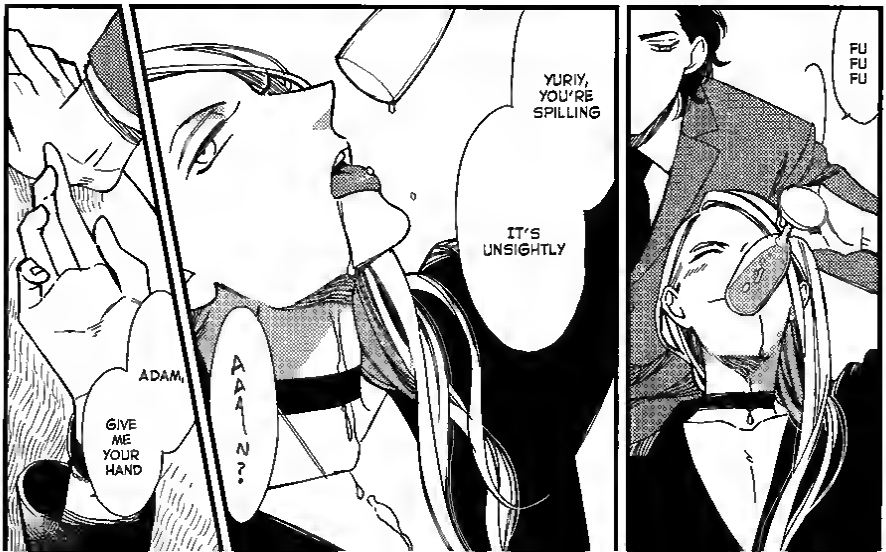
Ooh, as I thought
they fit you so well
Doesn't seem like these were made to be walked in
I will support you, so you needn't worry
So long as you wear my shoes
Together, let's take the world in our hands

Since then, Yuriy's role is to stir up sensations and build a thorough image of himself.
He has then became the face of Abalkin,
and worked very hard to fulfil my goal,
so far as to sacrifice himself on some occasions
I'VE HEARD QUITE A LOT ABOUT YOU, YURIY ABALKIN
DUKE JOUBERT, I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET YOUR GRACE
GOODNESS, WHAT SEDUCTION TECHNIQUE,
THESE FORTUITOUS ENCOUNTERS ARE MY SOURCES OF INSPIRATION
JUST SO YOU KNOW YOUR SEDUCTION TECHNIQUE IS WASTED ON ME

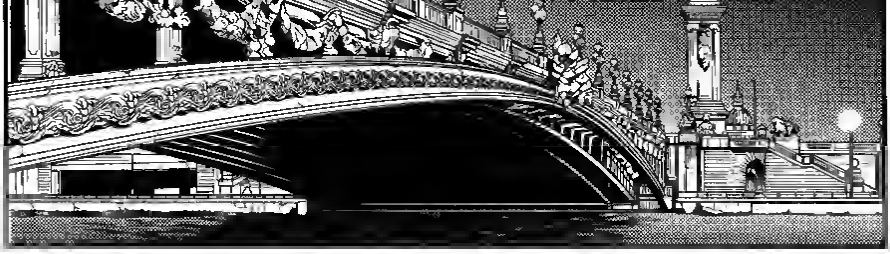
THAT SAID, I'VE HEARD THAT YOUR GRACE'S PASTIME IS HORSE RIDING?
IT WOULD BE AN HONOUR TO RECEIVE FIRST-HAND POINTERS SOME TIME
HORSE RIDING IS ALSO MY STRONG POINT
I WANT TO ORDER ANOTHER PAIR OF PARTY SHOES
YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND
YURIY
LADY MIRANDA
WELL THEN, LATER
DO WE HAVE HIM?

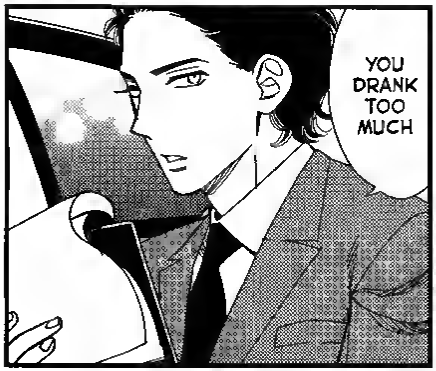

BY SUCCESSFULLY SECURING HIS FAVOUR, WE WILL GAIN SUPPORT FROM THE ART SCENE EASILY WITH HIM AS THE MIDDLE MAN
THE DUKE HAS NO RECORD OF BEING GAY, HOWEVER AS HE IS VERY WELL CONNECTED IN THE ART CIRCLE

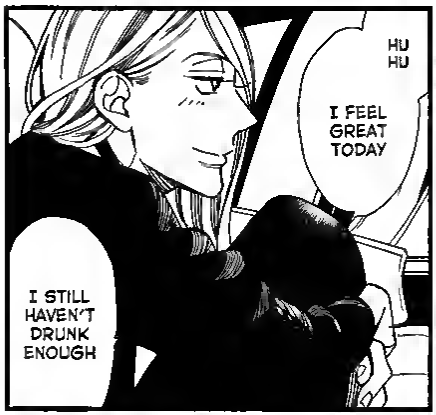

Yuriy's sense has been honed by his experience
I CAN TELL
JUST ONE MORE PUSH AND WE'LL HAVE HIM

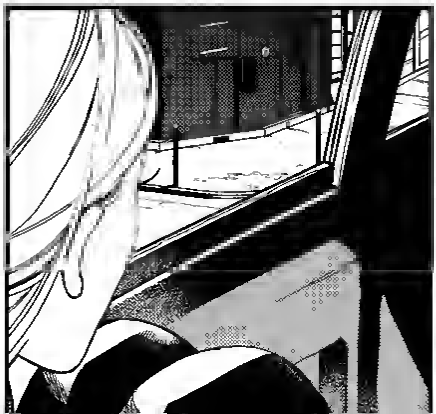

ADAM, GIVE ME YOUR HAND
AAIN?
IT'S UNSIGHTLY
YURIY, YOU'RE SPILLING
FU FU FU

FU FU
EVERYONE IS WATCHING
YURIY
HE HE HE
WE CAN'T HAVE MY HAND DIRTY NOW, CAN WE?
I feel a thrill shoot through my body whenever Yuriy stirs up the high society
Yuriy bloomed in a way that exceeded all my expectations
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE MORE CUSTOMERS
He is yet another exquisite creation of mine




YOU DRANK TOO MUCH


HU HU
I FEEL GREAT TODAY
I STILL HAVEN'T DRUNK ENOUGH

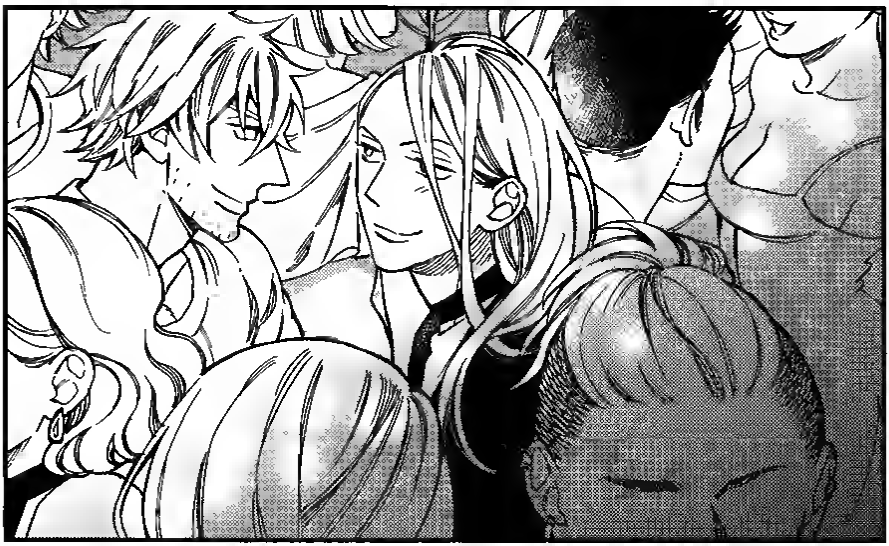


LOOO ONELY LITTLE PIGLET
GOT CAUGHT BY A BUTCHER SHOP'S SON
AND ENDED UP BEING ROOOASTED WHOLE ♪

WE MIGHT MEET SOMEONE UNEX-PECTED
I WANNA GO IN
OH LOOK,
THAT'S THE CLUB THAT FAMOUS BLOGGER RECOMMENDED
NO
NO, NOT THERE, THEIR CLIENTELE IS POOR
STOP THE CAR
LET ME OOOOUT!
IOURI
KREEF

DK
DK
DK
CAN I SIT NEXT TO YOU?
GIN AND TONIC

BLEH
YURIY, STAY WITHIN MY SIGHT AND BEHAVE YOURSELF
SOUNDS GOOD
SHALL WE DANCE TOGETHER?
WHO ARE YOU?
JUST A NOBODY



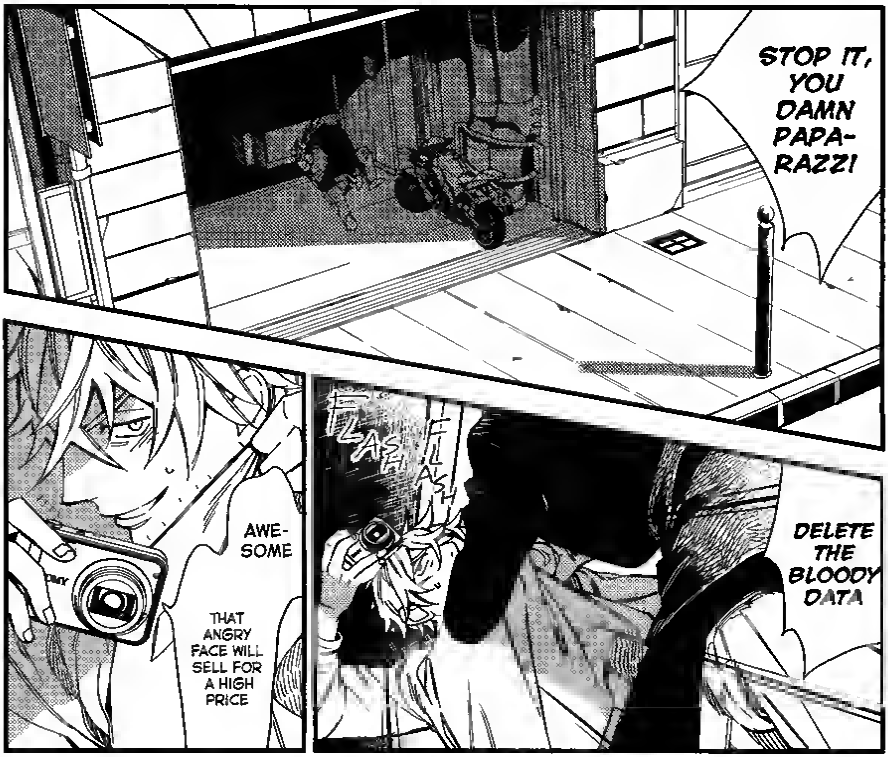
ONCE IN A WHILE
OH WELL. IT'S FINE

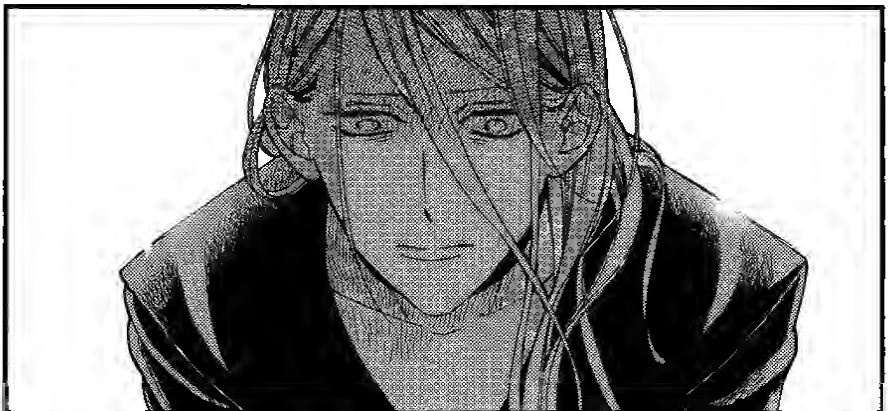
GUESS I WILL HAVE THE SAME AS HIM
AND YOU?
The boy who cried every time he slept with someone is gone
Iouri has changed

THUD
LET'S MOVE TOWARDS THE CENTRE
JEAN
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
BLEGH

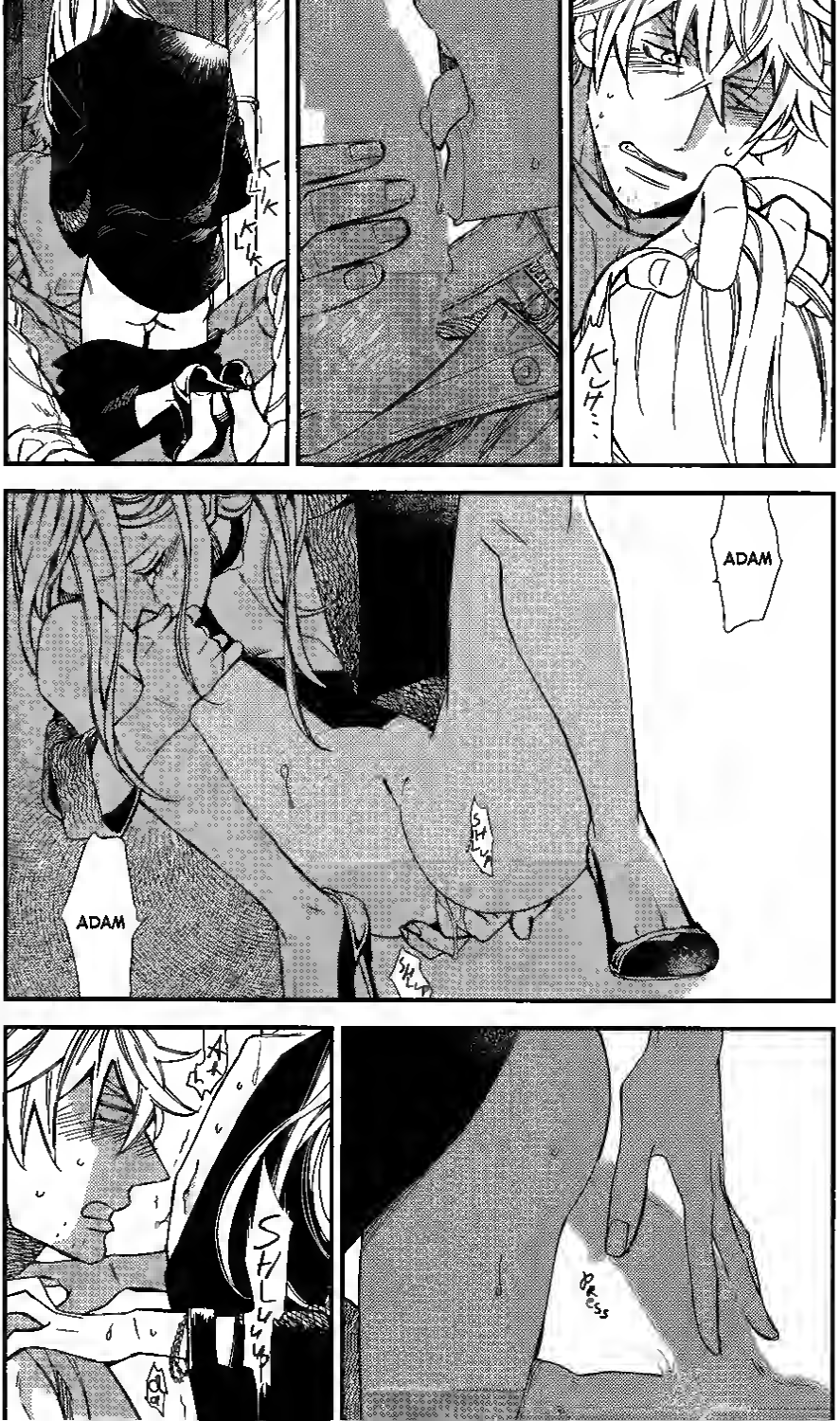
FLASH
UGH!
THE QUEEN OF THE BEAU MONDE, THE ONE AND ONLY YURIY ABALKIN COVERED IN PUKE AT A SECOND-RATE CLUB, HUH?
YOU'RE-

YURIY?


STOP IT, YOU DAMN PAPA-RAZZI
AWE-SOME
THAT ANGRY FACE WILL SELL FOR A HIGH PRICE
FLASH
FLASH
DELETE THE BLOODY DATA



KLK
!
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BEAR THAT
ADAM?
ADAM WILL BE DISAP-POINTED
WHAT DO I DO
HEY
WHAT'RE YOU DOING
I WILL DO ANYTHING
SO PLEASE DELETE THE DATA

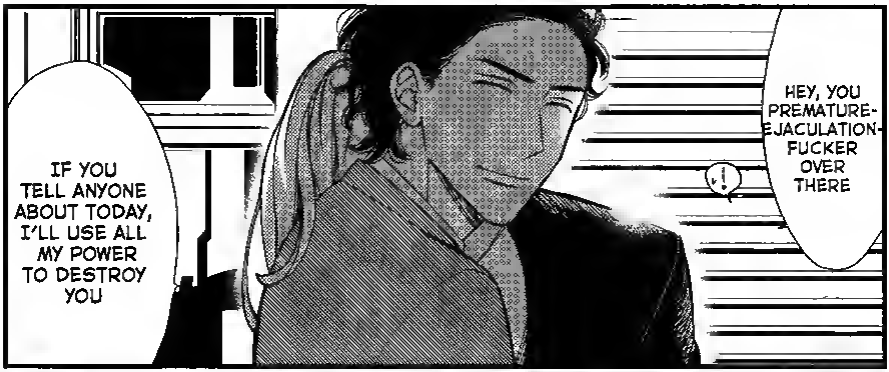

KUK
KUK
KUH...
ADAM
ADAM
SHUU
SHLP
SHLUUP
Kiss

KLAK
SONY
Aオムニ…

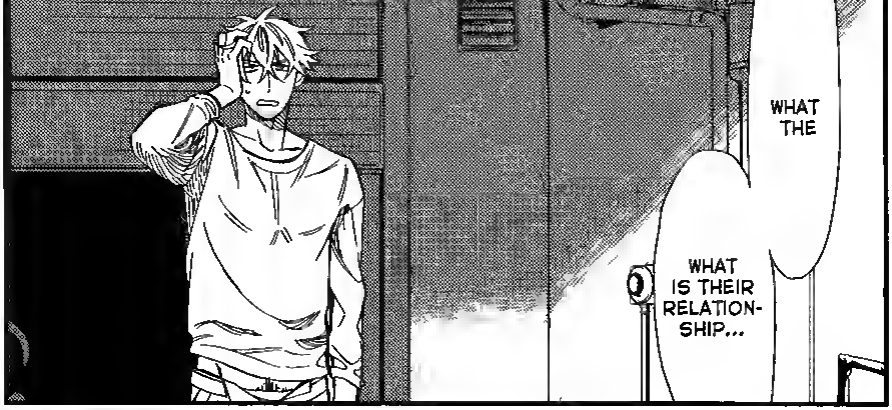
DAMN IT!
FUCK ...!
I'LL TAKE THIS BACK
ADAM
TSK, I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF YOU FOR A SECOND

ADAM
ADAM, I'M SORRY
HM
JUMP
YOU'RE TOO RECKLESS
AH...
SERI-OUSLY
LETTING SOME UNKNOWN BASTARD COME INSIDE
GUSH
I-I'M SORRY ...
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW VALUABLE YOU ARE TO ME

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WHAT WILL WE DO IF YOU CONTRACT SOME SORT OF DISEASE?


HEY, YOU PREMATURE-EJACULATION-FUCKER OVER THERE
!
IF YOU TELL ANYONE ABOUT TODAY, I'LL USE ALL MY POWER TO DESTROY YOU

WHAM

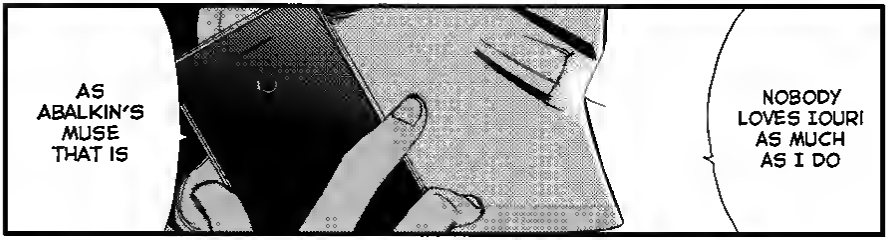

WHAT THE
WHAT IS THEIR RELATION-SHIP...

YEAH
YEAH THAT'S RIGHT

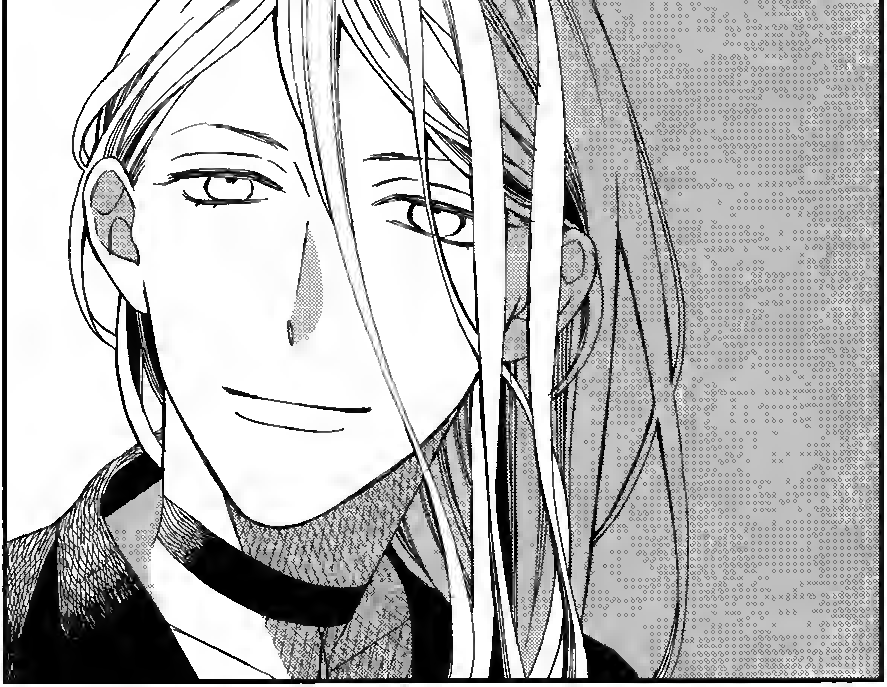
SO MIKHAIL, PLEASE MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PRESS, JUST IN CASE
Under-stood
ANYHOW, LATELY YURIY HAS BEEN GOING OVERBOARD
THIS MIGHT AFFECT WORK
I WANT TO BOOK A COUN-SELLING SESSION
IF THAT WILL GIVE YOU PEACE OF MIND

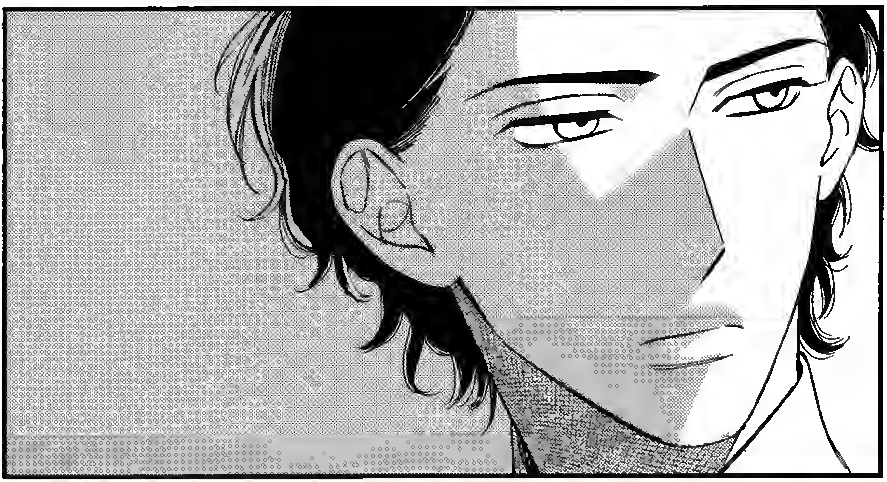
The time is approaching,

gently, but steadily



DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH THOSE SWINES
Oh well, as long as it's not my problem, I don't care what you do
SORRY, I WOKE YOU UP
IT'S FINE, WHO'S ON THE PHONE?
IT'S MIKHAIL
MIKHAIL HUH
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO CONVERSE WITH THAT SCOUNDREL
When it is just the two of us, the normal boy returns.
ARE YOU TIRED?
YOU'RE ALWAYS WORKING
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BREAK WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US
NO, I'M FINE
REST ASSURED
I WON'T PREY ON YOU
AFTER ALL YOU ARE MY DEAREST





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Are you afraid?

That once you embrace him, he will push you towards insanity.